

Career & College Planning **HHS Class of 2024**

HHS School Counselors



Now is the time:

What do you
want to be when
you grow up?
How do you get
there?



The opportunities are **Endless**

College

2 year vs. 4 year

Technical
school/programs

Military

Take the ASVAB

Meet with
[recruiters](#)

Union Apprenticeship

Must be 18

Earn while you
learn- work and
classroom
portions

Workforce

Straight to work

Resume

References

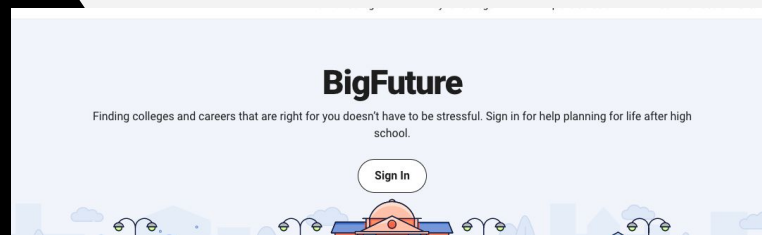
[**Tools** to help you prepare:]

- Interest Inventories
- College Visits
- Admission Requirements & Reps
- Tech/ Trade Resource Room
- Resume/Portfolio
- Letters of Rec
- ACT vs. SAT
- Transcripts
- FAFSA
- NCAA

Interest Inventories & College Search

A great way to start planning your future is to take an interest inventory. Inventories are found in your google classroom, on the counseling website or on the Illinois Career Search System.

[Big Future](#) is a great resource for your college and career search. You can take inventories, search for colleges using specific criteria, quickly compare colleges side by side and find checklists to help keep you organized.



College Board- Big Future

Find your PSAT10 scores here www.collegeboard.org

*You may have already created an account for AP

Create a
free
college
board
account

Create an
account now to
save info- may
win random
drawing for
scholarships
later

Take a
career
quiz

Under the explore
careers tab click
Career Quiz

Answer honestly
to find areas that
interest you

Check out
career
matches

Explore and
learn more
about the
career
matches
from your
quiz

Research
required
degree/
certification

You can add
careers to
your list;
watch videos
and learn
about
options

Interest inventories:

Click on IL Residents Tab
Then click "CIS High School"

Bottom portion- choose Highland
Enter zip: 62249
Hover over assessments- choose
any of the inventories



https://ilcis.intocareers.org/onet_ip/ONetIPterms.aspx

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Assessments

Answer questions about yourself and connect to occupations that match your interests, skills, work values, and lifestyle preferences. [Learn more](#)

What lifestyle can I afford?
Reality Check
About Assessments

What skills and work values are important to me?
Work Importance Locator
Entrepreneurial Career Assessment Form
Workplace Employability Skills

How do my interests relate to occupations?
Interest Profiler
Interest Profiler Short Form
Career Cluster Inventory (80)
Career Cluster Inventory (48)

How do I use assessment results taken outside CIS?
Assessment Link

Informal Assessments
Learning Styles Survey

The response choices are:

- I like very much

[College Visits:]

Getting on campus in person or virtually is important. You will be able to see if the school is a good fit for you- do you feel at home here? Is it too big? Too small? The best way to find out is to visit.

Students get 2 total College/Career visits they can use junior and senior year that work like field trips.

These must be approved **at least 1 week** before you go visit.

See your School Counselor for a [form](#).

Admission Requirements & Reps

The admission rep at any school you are considering needs to be your new best friend- they have insight on requirements, scholarship opportunities and deadlines.

Now is the time to be researching what colleges require for admittance so if you need to take a specific course your senior year you can.

Find out about courses, test scores, and how dual credit can transfer.

Most schools want 4 of each of the core classes- but some have unique requirements for specific majors- examples: engineering schools typically want you to complete Physics, southern schools want 4 years of history.

Check websites and visit for specific info.

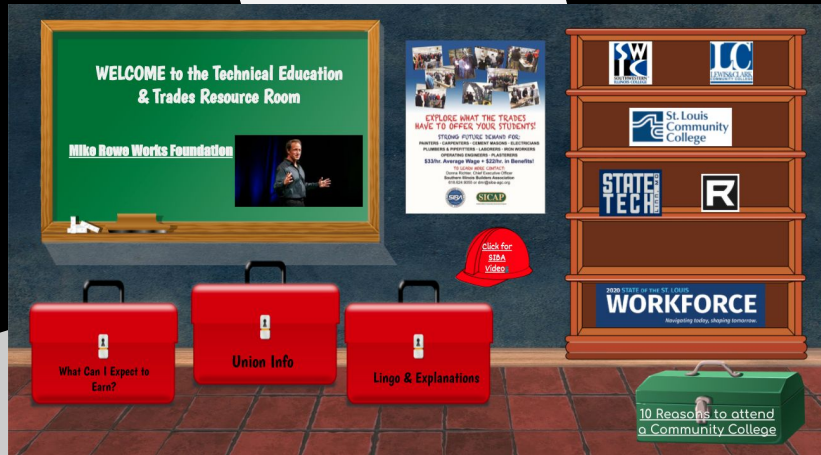
Tech & Trade Resources

Trade: Joining a union

Apprenticeship vs Journeyman vs Internship

Tech school: Apply to school, Financial Aid, research requirements, length of program, etc

Career Certificate vs. Associate's degree



Resumes/ Portfolios

Start writing your resume or keeping track of volunteer work, job experience and leadership activities.

You may also want to list relevant elective classes that pertain to potential majors or jobs.

Keep track of any awards/leadership positions held:

Academic

Athletic

Extra-curricular

A portfolio is a collection of your best work: It will show your progress and growth.

Start saving work now- paper, video, photographs, etc.

[Letters of Rec:]

Some colleges and most scholarships want letters of recommendation. Having a resume ready to hand to whomever you are asking to write for you is helpful.

Give people at least 2 week notice before the deadline so they can write a nice, thoughtful letter.



[ACT vs. SAT]

These exams are 1 of many items colleges/ scholarship committees and/ or employers may use when evaluating your application. Currently the SAT is given free at HHS in April. You may retake or take it along with the ACT during a National Test Date for a small fee. See your school counselor if you think you qualify for a fee waiver.

www.actstudent.org

www.collegeboard.org

SAT will be given at
HHS on Wednesday
April 12, 2023

It is a graduation
requirement and free
for all Illinois
students.

[Transcripts]

Your transcript lists each of our semester classes and your SEMESTER grades.

Your attendance, GPA, Class rank, test scores and progress towards graduation are also listed.

You will request these using a free parchment account after you apply to a college or university.



[FAFSA]

Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

You will complete this after October 1st your senior year.

You and your parents will each complete a part with the previous years' tax information.

You will list potential colleges and receive award letters to help you compare prices, loans and scholarships.

[NCAA]

Students interested in playing D1 or D2 sport must be deemed eligible through the eligibility center.

Student athletes may complete a free profile to start the process- this can be transitioned into a certification page later.

More info can be found online:

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

Student guide:

http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/CBSA.pdf

[Junior Year]

Work Hard

Take rigorous
HHS courses
Explore Career
Interests

Research Options

Take interest
inventories
Research
College options

Visit

Job Shadow
Visit Colleges

Get organized

Determine
admission
requirements

Decide

Narrow down
choices so you
are ready to
apply early
Senior Year

[Senior Year]

Summer

- Finalize college list
- Update Resume

Fall

- Apply to schools
- FAFSA
- Supporting documents

Winter

- Apply for scholarships
- Compare colleges & cost
- Visit schools

Spring

- Make final decision
- Notify other schools that you do not plan to attend

Be sure to consistently check email/ school application portals so you do not miss deadlines or opportunities.



Your **School Counselors** are here to help!

Last names A-G: Mrs. Spaeth

Last names H-M: Mrs. Jackson

Last names N-Z: Mrs. Lieberman

Check out our counseling website for tons of resources:

<https://sites.google.com/highlandcusd5.org/hhs-school-counselors/counselor-info>



[Oh the places you will go. . .]



Let's see what you know: www.kahoot.it